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PER CAPITA MEAT CONSUMPTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES, 1961

World meat consumption outside Communist China increased only slightly in 1960-61 and more slowly than population, so that there was a general decline in per capita supplies. However, per capita consumption increased during 1961 in 15 of the 31 countries for which detailed estimates are reported.

For several years prior to 1960, consumption per person rose considerably reflecting the sharp rise in world meat output and unusually strong demand owing to world prosperity. Further increases in per capita supplies are expected because of the current relatively favorable livestock prices and ample production facilities in a large number of countries.

Per capita supplies in 1961 were above the 1951-55 average in every country of Western Europe, except Sweden. They were up also in Canada, the United States, Chile, Colombia, the U.S.S.R., Yugoslavia, Japan, Australia, and New Zealand. Per capita supplies were below average in Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

As usual, consumption per person varied widely from country to country. New Zealand was the highest consumer in 1961 with 223 pounds per person. The other leading consumers in order were Australia 215 pounds, Uruguay 212, Argentina 197, United States 161, Canada 139, United Kingdom 134, Denmark 129, France 125, Austria 113, Switzerland 113, West Germany 110, Belgium-Luxembourg 108, Sweden 102, and the Netherlands 99. Ireland dropped from the 15 leaders with consumption falling from 106 to 96 pounds, and was replaced by the Netherlands.

This Circular contains more detailed information than the summary of similar title published in the monthly supplemental issue of Foreign Crops and Markets, September 27, 1962.

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MEAT 1/ Consumption in specified countries, average 1951-55, annual 1959-61

Countries	Production			Net trade			Apparent consumption			Per capita consumption		
	Average			Average			Average			Average		
	1951-55	1959	1960	1951-55	1959	1960	1951-55	1959	1960	1951-55	1959	1960
North America:												
Canada 2/	1,994	2,560	2,456	195	19	19	1,941	2,541	2,447	129	138	142
United States 2/ 3/	24,338	27,319	28,208	28,585	+322	+933	24,660	28,555	29,141	151	160	161
Mexico.....	1,212	1,411	1,425	1,483	-66	-109	1,146	1,363	1,316	41	38	37
Cuba.....	464	529	---	---	+41	+25	497	570	---	85	---	---
South America:												
Argentina.....	4,884	5,006	4,989	5,117	-802	-983	4,082	3,744	4,006	222	167	191
Brazil.....	3,430	4,330	4,117	4,111	-9	-223	3,421	4,107	4,080	61	64	60
Chile.....	341	439	453	452	+4	-2	345	437	460	53	62	58
Colombia.....	714	771	798	834	---	---	714	771	798	58	55	60
Paraguay.....	187	228	199	198	-23	-43	164	185	160	120	93	77
Peru.....	---	326	331	337	+20	+3	---	346	334	---	31	35
Uruguay.....	826	723	866	749	-136	-77	690	646	713	272	215	212
Venezuela.....	207	319	322	348	+14	+37	221	348	359	44	50	---
Europe:												
Austria.....	649	755	778	791	+3	+14	651	769	788	94	110	113
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	890	991	1,012	990	+17	+14	907	1,005	1,032	100	106	108
Denmark 2/.....	1,247	1,643	1,675	1,711	-772	-920	475	723	643	109	131	129
Finland.....	261	297	274	285	-1	-2	260	295	286	63	67	69
France.....	4,810	5,473	5,598	5,921	-53	-87	4,757	5,386	5,460	112	119	120
Germany, West.....	4,681	5,533	5,770	6,010	+90	+165	4,771	5,698	5,959	93	103	107
Greece.....	188	285	254	312	+11	+42	199	327	309	25	40	37
Ireland.....	405	471	542	578	-158	-191	247	280	301	84	98	106
Italy.....	1,725	2,281	2,531	2,774	+70	+295	1,795	2,576	2,867	38	53	58
Netherlands.....	1,086	1,324	1,551	1,466	-235	-320	851	1,004	1,143	81	88	99
Norway.....	235	255	321	336	-3	+8	232	263	328	69	74	91
Portugal.....	326	338	291	345	+4	+3	322	341	306	37	38	40
Spain.....	872	1,101	1,221	1,241	+12	+29	884	1,130	1,248	31	38	42
Sweden.....	715	836	794	783	+23	-51	688	785	772	103	105	102
Switzerland.....	431	498	530	555	+18	+37	449	535	572	92	102	108
United Kingdom 2/.....	3,088	3,713	3,788	4,144	+2743	+3,357	5,894	7,070	7,300	108	129	132
Bulgaria.....	4/ 396	469	480	---	-38	-37	357	432	474	4/ 49	55	---
Czechoslovakia.....	4/ 868	1,098	1,188	---	+63	---	931	---	---	4/ 73	---	---
Germany, East.....	1,210	1,361	1,236	---	+155	+140	1,365	1,501	---	75	88	---
Hungary.....	737	922	973	---	-30	-29	697	893	937	73	90	94
Poland.....	1,839	2,539	2,745	---	-171	-127	1,668	2,360	2,318	64	80	78
Yugoslavia.....	690	972	1,103	1,183	-22	-158	668	821	910	39	44	49
U.S.S.R. (Europe & Asia).....	4/ 9,075	14,050	13,949	13,900	+519	-85	10,624	13,965	13,982	4/ 53	67	65
Africa:												
So. Africa, Rep. of.....	1,015	1,112	1,110	1,130	-11	-21	1,003	1,091	1,086	74	72	66
Asia:												
Japan.....	434	799	710	851	+1	+15	435	814	775	5	9	10
Philippines.....	299	418	461	---	+22	+43	321	461	504	15	19	---
Oceania:												
Australia 2/ 5/.....	2,522	3,275	2,995	3,152	-471	-804	2,051	2,471	2,404	214	233	215
New Zealand 2/ 6/.....	1,293	1,567	1,650	1,697	-794	-987	499	580	590	216	219	227

1/ Carcass meat basis - includes beef, veal, pork, mutton, lamb, goat, and horsemeat; excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat.

2/ Per capita consumption figures take into account changes in commercial stocks. Per capita data for the United States and Canada are civilian consumption only. 3/ Includes horsemeat in trade and apparent consumption. 4/ Less than 5 year average. 5/ Per capita consumption figures are for years ending June 30. 6/ Per capita consumption figures are for years ending September 30.

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Countries	Averages												
	Prevar 2/ Pounds	1946-50 Pounds	1951-55 Pounds	1952 Pounds	1953 Pounds	1954 Pounds	1955 Pounds	1956 Pounds	1957 Pounds	1958 Pounds	1959 Pounds	1960 Pounds	1961 Pounds
North America:													
Canada 3/.....	113	128	129	127	129	131	134	138	137	133	138	142	139
United States 2/ 3/.....	127	149	151	146	155	155	163	167	159	152	160	161	161
Mexico.....	38	41	41	38	37	38	37	40	43	43	41	38	37
Cuba.....	77	85	85	86	85	81	82	83	83	80	86	---	---
South America:													
Argentina.....	209	230	222	215	215	217	230	244	238	237	167	191	197
Brazil.....	53	52	61	62	61	62	59	64	66	62	64	62	60
Chile.....	73	79	53	61	62	52	55	62	60	59	62	58	58
Colombia.....	---	61	58	61	57	56	55	59	62	60	55	57	60
Ecuador.....	---	---	22	23	19	21	22	22	27	31	34	35	37
Paraguay.....	---	---	120	114	141	126	121	108	111	111	93	80	77
Peru.....	---	---	---	---	---	27	29	28	31	33	31	33	35
Uruguay.....	225	219	272	268	302	238	289	275	185	228	215	238	212
Venezuela.....	---	---	44	41	45	47	47	40	47	53	50	51	---
Europe:													
Austria.....	92	64	94	92	97	96	101	104	107	107	110	112	113
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	89	85	100	95	96	102	103	106	106	108	106	109	108
Denmark 3/.....	132	126	109	100	109	114	119	127	138	128	131	129	129
Finland.....	66	57	63	57	58	67	72	70	69	67	67	64	69
France.....	97	90	112	106	115	120	123	125	126	122	119	120	125
Germany, West.....	4/ 113	61	93	86	94	94	101	106	108	111	103	107	110
Greece.....	36	24	25	23	24	27	31	33	36	40	40	37	44
Ireland.....	90	92	84	78	84	86	90	89	96	93	98	106	96
Italy.....	38	29	38	37	40	39	40	46	48	49	53	58	58
Netherlands.....	92	60	81	82	77	81	87	89	91	86	88	99	99
Norway.....	79	62	69	68	64	71	76	73	77	75	74	91	93
Portugal.....	43	40	37	37	37	37	36	36	41	37	38	34	40
Spain.....	---	---	31	---	---	---	37	---	37	37	38	41	42
Sweden.....	101	97	103	101	98	107	105	100	103	107	105	103	102
Switzerland.....	105	79	92	92	93	93	95	100	101	99	102	108	113
United Kingdom 3/.....	126	101	108	97	108	120	128	131	134	133	129	132	134
Bulgaria.....	---	---	4/ 49	45	50	56	50	55	56	64	55	---	---
Czechoslovakia.....	---	---	4/ 73	71	66	71	76	82	83	---	---	---	---
Germany, East.....	---	---	75	73	79	82	84	86	94	89	88	---	---
Hungary.....	---	---	73	81	59	73	82	107	84	78	90	94	---
Poland.....	---	---	64	60	64	62	67	75	80	86	80	78	---
Yugoslavia.....	---	---	39	33	41	41	44	45	40	39	44	49	50
U.S.S.R. (Europe & Asia).....	5/ 43	---	4/ 53	---	---	---	53	56	56	63	67	65	64
Africa:													
South Africa, Rep. of.....	68	76	74	75	74	74	70	68	72	72	72	66	---
Asia:													
Japan.....	---	---	5	5	6	5	6	7	7	8	9	8	10
Philippines.....	---	---	15	15	15	14	18	20	19	21	19	18	---
Oceania:													
Australia 3/ 6/.....	245	201	214	206	217	213	219	221	227	233	233	227	215
New Zealand 3/ 7/.....	212	212	216	220	205	211	218	223	221	220	219	227	223

1/ Carcass meat basis - includes beef, veal, pork, mutton, lamb, goat, and horsemeat; excludes edible variety meats, lard, rabbit, and poultry meat. 2/ Prewar average is for years 1935-39 for United States, Canada, Denmark, Finland, and Sweden; 1936-38 for Greece; and 1934-38 for other countries; see other footnotes for Australia and New Zealand. 3/ Per capita consumption figures taken into account in commercial stocks. Data for United States and Canada are for civilian consumption only. 4/ Less than 5-year average. 5/ Prewar territory. 6/ Per capita consumption figures are for years ending June 30 of years shown in heading; prewar average 1936-37 to 1938-39. 7/ Per capita consumption figures are for years ending September 30; prewar average 1937-39.

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Of the 15 countries consuming over 99 pounds of meat per person per year, 9 are in Western Europe. Two are large exporters in South America, and two are large exporters in Oceania. The other two are Canada and the United States. Canada was a small net importer of dressed meat last year and the United States continued to be a large net importer.

Per capita consumption in Japan in 1961 averaged only 10 pounds but was 2 pounds greater than a year earlier. Consumption was low also in Peru (35 pounds), Ecuador (37), Mexico (37), and Portugal (40).

Per capita consumption in the U.S.S.R. during 1961 averaged 64 pounds, having declined in both 1960 and 1961. Consumption in the U.S.S.R. in 1961 was lower than in all countries of Western Europe, except Greece, Italy, Portugal, and Spain and was below the United States where consumption averaged 161 pounds. However, Soviet consumption in 1961 was substantially above the 1951-55 average of 53 pounds.

Of the 103 billion pounds consumed in the world, excluding Communist China, 51 percent was beef and veal; 40 percent pork, 8 percent lamb, mutton, and goat, and about 1 percent horsemeat.

The United States consumes more meat than any other country in the world--almost 30 billion pounds in 1961. U.S. consumption accounted for 29 percent of the total supply of all types, 33 percent of the beef and veal, 28 percent of the pork, and 11 percent of the lamb, mutton, and goat. U.S. net imports of all meats in 1961 equaled 4 percent of total U.S. consumption.

The United Kingdom reduced its meat imports in 1961 and increased domestic production. Imports made up 47 percent of total consumption during 1951-55, 48 percent in 1960, and only 44 percent in 1961. Per capita consumption during 1961 averaged 134 pounds, equaling the 1947 record. Other countries importing a large percentage of their meat supplies in 1961 included Greece with net imports of 16 percent of total consumption, Finland and Switzerland with 8 percent, Portugal 6 percent, and West Germany, Belgium-Luxembourg, and Italy 4 percent each. East Germany and the Philippines are also relatively large importers of meat.

During 1961 only three countries had net exports exceeding 50 percent of their production--New Zealand 66 percent, Denmark 61, and Ireland 54. Other leading net exporters were Paraguay 22 percent, the Netherlands 22, Yugoslavia 21, Australia 20, Argentina 19, Uruguay 15, Mexico 10, and France 4.

MEAT 1/: Per capita consumption by type of meat in 15 selected countries, 1961

Country	Class of Meat				
	Beef	Pork	Lamb,	Canned	Total
	and		mutton,	meat	
	veal		and goat		
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
New Zealand.....	97	33	93	2/	223
Australia.....	87	12	99	17	215
Uruguay.....	161	18	33	2/	212
Argentina.....	168	14	15	2/	197
United States.....	94	62	5	2/	161
Canada.....	77	54	4	4	139
United Kingdom.....	50	45	25	14	134
Denmark.....	40	89	---	2/	3/ 129
France.....	67	46	6	2/	3/ 125
Austria.....	41	69	---	2/	3/ 113
Switzerland.....	43	54	1	2/	3/ 113
Germany, West.....	43	66	1	2/	3/ 110
Belgium-Luxembourg.....	50	50	1	2/	3/ 108
Sweden.....	43	56	---	2/	3/ 102
Netherlands.....	44	51	---	2/	3/ 99

1/ Beef, veal, lamb, mutton, goatmeat and pork (excluding lard). 2/ Included with other types. 3/ Includes horsemeat, in addition to other types shown.



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